

Gen. Hayes Commends 3 McGuirites

Certificates of commendation praising their work at McGuire General Hospital have been awarded three members of the staff by Major General Philip Hayes, Commanding General of the Third Service Command, it was announced today by Colonel P. E. Duggins, commanding officer.

The certificates will be presented to Major Francisco R. Acosta, registrar; Master Sergeant Ewald J. Kainer, sergeant major, and Miss Nina J. Hansen, chief of the stenographic pool and personal secretary to Colonel Duggins.

"We are pleased and honored that these three members of our operating personnel have been singled out by General Hayes and the Third Service Command as deserving of Certificates of Commendation," Colonel Duggins said. "All have contributed greatly to the growth and development of the hospital without thought of personal award. We are proud to see their outstanding work recognized."

EVACUATION PLAN

Major Acosta was cited for developing a plan for receiving and evacuating patients "with minimum delay and confusion." His citation said in part:

"As a result of his intensive study and devotion to the duty of solving a problem with which he was unfamiliar, Major Acosta put into operation a simple and effective plan for the reception and evacuation of patients with minimum delay and confusion. The procedure was developed to meet the particular needs of this hospital and resulted in more expeditious handling of patients. As Registrar he perfected the organization of his staff and the functioning of his division according to the organization chart in an efficient and time-saving manner."

Sergeant Kainer was cited for

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Three's a Crowd

Here's one Captain Jess H. Mann overheard at mess:

An officer in the chow line read aloud from the daily Roundup, "Found. Two pairs of gloves, one women's and one men's, and a set of dog tags."

Whereupon, the officer behind him mused, "What was the dog doing with them?"

PX Pays Off, Plans Expansion

A check for \$4,000 was turned over to Army Exchange Service this week to complete payment three months ahead of schedule for the original investment in McGuire's PX, it was announced by Capt. Max Dreyer, exchange officer. The exchange now operates on a paying basis, he revealed.

With \$3,000 already paid when Captain Dreyer arrived at McGuire in November, \$1,000 remained due each month until payment was completed. At that rate the exchange would have been paid off next May.

Efforts to keep the exchange well stocked with scarce goods is chiefly responsible for the advance payment, despite the lowering of prices on numerous toilet articles, Captain Dreyer said.

Plans are under way to enlarge the PX restaurant by 72 seats. The expansion will be accomplished, if approved, by pushing the front wall further into the arcade, he explained.

'Can't Help Singing'

"Can't Help Singing," a movie starring Deanna Durbin in a bright new musical role, will play for patients only in the Red Cross auditorium, Saturday 7 p.m.

Absenteeism Rockets to 24%; Suspension Due Awol Civilians

By CPL. BERNARD ASBEL

One out of every four man-days of civilian employment during the past month has been lost through absenteeism, a large portion of which has been without leave, Colonel P. E. Duggins, commanding officer declared today in a plea for civilian employees to stay on the job just as fighting men must stay on the firing line.

The figure of 24 per cent of scheduled working time lost includes approved leave, sick leave, leave without pay and AWOL. Fifteen per cent of all absences were without any leave granted and with no word heard from the guilty employee until his return, sometimes next day, and at times weeks later.

"Daily needs of hospital patients and the already critical shortages of adequate civilian personnel at McGuire demand that the flagrant abuse of leave privileges stop immediately," Colonel Duggins ordered.

"Our one and only mission," he continued, "is to care for, treat and cure the sick and wounded soldiers entrusted to McGuire General Hospital. Each person employed here has obligated himself or herself to do his utmost for these patients. This is the least we can do for these men in appreciation of what they have done for us. If you are absent without a most legitimate reason you are letting some wounded fellow down. Does anyone want this on his conscience?"

LENIENT WITH LEAVE

The Civilian Personnel Office has been extremely lenient with employees on matters of leaves in the past, pointed out Lt. Virginia G. Breed, Director, Personnel Division. "Before patients arrived at McGuire in great numbers," she said, "annual leave was granted merely for the asking in anticipation of the rough times ahead when McGuire would be filled. Now that we have many wounded men to care for, too many employees have shown a com-

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'Pop' Englar



Cpl. Jarrett W. Englar, 37, of Baltimore, combat wounded McGuire patient who was killed while on a three-day pass in the overturning of a car in which he was riding on Route 460, 18 miles east of Petersburg early Monday morning February 12th. Englar, beloved by patients and hospital personnel alike, was known to every one as "Pop."

Valentine Fwowie Pwanned by Post 2nd Wootenants

Valentine's Day will be celebrated—belatedly but frolickingly—at Officers Recreation Center Saturday night in a party sponsored by post shavetails.

Theme of the party will be carefree, happy schooldays of old, with all officers attending in kiddie costumes. Officers showing up in uniforms, or any other dress indicating an age above adolescence, will be required to post a forfeit.

Admission price is one signed Valentine card, unaddressed. Talented performers from amongst the second lieutenants will furnish what promises to be most extraordinary entertainment.

Dancing will continue from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Officers coming from off the post are reminded to change clothes after arriving here—but they will change!

Paralysis Drive Tops \$1,000 Quota

McGuire's contribution to the elimination of poliomyelitis stood at \$1055.63 today to close a four week drive, it was learned from Lt. David S. Yoakley, in charge of the drive. He forwarded a check for that amount yesterday to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Last Saturday with \$46 to go toward completion of the \$1,000 quota set by Lt. Yoakley last week, Sgt. Clarence Hutchinson, McGuire's nominee for America's No. 1 polio-beater, staged a super appeal before personnel and patients gathered at a noon-time jam session in the arcade. The appeal netted over \$55 to put the campaign over the top.

Jam sessions started at McGuire as a device in spurring polio contributions will be continued for entertainment purposes,

Sundry Hardware Treasures Hidden in Ward Trashcans

By PFC. LEE KING

The three-day anti-waste and property loss or destruction investigation conducted last week by Col. William H. L. Westbrook, Jr., executive officer, was graphically reported at the hospital personnel orientation class last Friday.

After a brief talk on the importance of carefulness in depositing trash in the hospital trash cans, the colonel displayed items rescued from the ward trash cans in just three days.

Included in the display were 1 new Kelly clamp, 4 elastic bandages, 2 pairs pajama slacks, 1 bath towel, 36 table forks, 1 damaged Kelly clamp, 1 box of about 300 used hypo needles, 6 pairs convalescent slippers, 1 hand towel, 18 table knives, 1 new Ochsner clamp, 1 5-gal GI can, 1 pair GI shoes, 10 teaspoons and 6 tablespoons.

"All of these items are critical high priority items difficult to acquire in the quantities needed. The new items were all immediately usable and the others should have been salvaged, laundered, or repaired. None should have been placed in the ward trash cans," Colonel Westbrook emphasized.

"Colonel Duggins is very concerned about this unnecessary waste, loss or destruction of government property," Col. Westbrook

pointed out. "We intend to continue this campaign of searching through the trash cans from wards as well as barracks and other buildings until the carelessness and waste are stopped."

"Those persons who persistently and deliberately, or carelessly, continue to throw away or destroy government property will be subject to penalties provided for the punishment of such acts," Col. Westbrook concluded.

Wac Mothers Party

Richmond Chapter of WAC Mothers Association staged a party for McGuire Wac detachment in the Wac dayroom last Sunday. About thirty of the members attended.

The Richmond Chapter is a member of the national organization



Marjorie Olan

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And the Cow Said 'Moo'

By PFC. DAVID M. SCHWARZ
Patient, Ward 59

Most people, upon learning that I've just returned from overseas, ask me what is the experience that makes for my favorite story. And I find that I really have such an experience.

The unit with which I was privileged to serve for the two years of my overseas duty was Company "A" in one of the best Combat Engineer Battalions in the Army. This Company was attached to the Ninth Infantry Division, all of which goes to make for a thoroughly tough and rugged bunch of soldiers.

In August of 1943, we had completed our third campaign, the Sicilian, after having put the North African and Tunisian episodes under our belts. Some of the members were veterans of two amphibious landings in addition to those previously mentioned campaigns, which represented the worst fighting to that date.

In Sicily, that month, we had been "on the line" for weeks and that meant eating "C" rations for a steady diet. Any food eaten morning, noon and night for that length of time can become tiresome, but we would have welcomed even "C" rations, cans and all, for due to our fast movement and the rough terrain we were without any food at all.

Tactically, at that point, we were "pinched out" of the fight before Messina fell by other divisions and we went into a stubble wheat field for a night's sleep.

In the morning some of the boys "met up" with a cow and in a few minutes one of our lieutenants, through an Italian-speaking GI, arranged for its purchase for 200 lira (Two Bucks, American). The procession behind this new acquisition, as it neared the mess truck, was ever-growing with laundering, shaving, cleaning-up all being promptly and unceremoniously dropped as the gang was attracted to and drawn onward with the vision of a big piece of steak.

At the mess truck a sudden and respectful hush fell over the company as the mess sergeant grunted his approval. The time had come to start the butchering. We looked at the cow and she looked at us. And notwithstanding the fact that no one had eaten for several days—there was not an executioner to be found amongst us.

Finally, we persuaded a lad from Minnesota to undertake the task. He stepped up to our "dream" purchase and let go with the trigger of his gun. It had been aimed at a point between the eyes, but instead of penetrating it ricocheted.

And the hush grew except for one tearful "Moo" from our dinner, and a look of supreme hurt from those big, brown eyes.

And then we knew for certain that it could never be one of us—the hard-bitten front-line troops who had seen and felt death for so long—who would be able to hurt her, a defenseless animal.

That's really the story. Oh, yes. We had the dinner. We had to search once again for the native, who butchered the cow for an additional 25 lira, we hoisted it up on the bulldozer and kept pouring pails of water on it to keep the flies off as we sliced it down—but somehow it didn't taste as good as we thought it would. We kept seeing those big, brown eyes and hearing that soulful "Moo".

McGuire Scroll of
HONOR



The following civilian personnel have completed a year's service with McGuire General Hospital as of this week:

(Above left) Mrs. Helen W. Owen, chief, administrative section, civilian personnel branch. Above right,

Chapel Schedule

PROTESTANT
Sunday Service9:30 a.m.
St. James Episcopal Church Choir,
20 voices. Dr. Churchill J. Gibson,
guest preacher. Pvt. Eddie Weaver,
organist.
Lenten Service.....Wed. 6:30 p.m.
CATHOLIC
Sunday Mass8:30, 10:30 a.m.
Lenten Mass.....Thurs. 6:30 p.m.
Daily Mass 12 Noon
JEWISH
Friday Services 6:45 p.m.

Mr. Julius W. Gerrig, post engineer storekeeper. Mr. Shields S. Newcomb of the post engineer power house has also completed a year's service but could not be reached for a picture.

Sound Off
TO THE BANNER!

Dear BANNER:
Last Saturday, the Dupont employees of B shift sponsored a dance for the patients and detachment of McGuire Hospital at the "Log Cabin". All the cream of Richmond femininity were there to assure the boys of a grand time which they definitely had. As soon as I came through the portals, I was deluged by oceans of girls, girls, girls—dark ones, light ones, little ones and if I stretched my neck a bit, there were the willow ones.

Everyone was in fine fettle and jaws worked harmoniously on the hot "daws" and hamburgers that ranged as far as the eye and appetite could see.

Mrs. Helen Jenkins, who supervised and arranged the dance added to the evening, just by being there—mmmmm—lovely, lovely.

After the shindig was over, full of hamburgers and an evening's fun, we were "escorted" back to the hospital in true Southern style.

To this we add our thanks for an evening of good fun to the "B" Shift of Dupont and Company—if you'll take the word of a rugged infantryman, it was GOOD COMPANY.

S-Sgt. C. Frank Almeida,
Ward 50.

Library Notes

Have you read any poetry lately? There's a wide range in the library and you may browse to your heart's content.

Alfred Kreymbourg's anthology of American poetry covers three centuries, includes nearly 300 poets and more than 600 poems. Almost every period of America's march has been covered here.

If the morning after the night before is a little hazy, one glance at 1X1 by E. E. Cummings will really fix you up. With an imagination that runs wild, a variety of literary forms, a depth of vision and a liveliness of wit he keeps you guessing and trying to decide what on earth he's talking about.

There is always Dorothy Parker's NOT SO DEEP AS A WELL, grinning with sarcasm and biting satire.

Don't turn up your nose and shrug your shoulders when the word "poetry" is mentioned. Taste it and see what it's like.

Bars and Stripes

To Sergeant
Tec 5 David L. Pollock
Cpl. Alice A. Andrews.
Cpl. Thelma G. Tipton
Tec 5 Grace J. Kelly
To Tec 4
Tec 5 Albert Zipnick
To Corporal
Pfc Arthur C. Axthelm
Pfc Robert L. Bates
Pfc William F. Cheswick
Pfc Fred A. Palmer
Pfc Stanley W. Wasil
Pfc. Elizabeth D. Craig
Pfc. Irene A. DuBois
To Tec 5
Pfc Patrick Mulroe
Pfc. Nell W. Conlee
Pfc. Cecelia M. Gaudet
To Private First Class
Pvt Robert S. Axtell, Jr.
Pvt Barney Belkin
Pvt. Harriot J. Egan
Pvt Helen M. Floyd
Pvt Leola N. King
Pvt Harlie R. Klinger
Pvt Joseph Kazubowski
Pvt Mary J. Krakofsky
Pvt Eugene F. Maker
Pvt Lucy G. Pfeifer
Pvt Louisa C. Re
Pvt Glenn W. Smith
Pvt Gloria Y. Wright
Pvt Ansel Yonce
Pvt. Barbara A. Allison
Pvt. Eleanor M. Chesley
Pvt. Lucille S. Claymore
Pvt. Leanore I. Duling

The Wolf by Sansone



Gen. Hayes Commends Three

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"meritorious and outstanding service as sergeant major since Jan. 10, 1944."
"Sergeant Kainer, in loyalty and devotion to duty without regard of self or time spent, has made valuable contribution to the organization and efficiency of McGuire General Hospital, the certificate said. "His office is organized capably and conducted in a courteous, helpful manner to all with whom he comes in contact. His faithfulness, application, performance and soldierly characteristics are exemplary and worthy of emulation."
Miss Hansen's certificate said that her "loyalty, devotion to duty, intimate knowledge of general hospitals and Medical Department

procedures have been of immeasurable value in the organization of this hospital."
"Largely the result of her study and effort," the certificate continued, "the Certificate of Disability for Discharge procedure developed by this hospital antedated the one developed by The Surgeon General's Office and was so nearly similar that no changes were required. In all operations of the Disposition Board, of which she is secretary, Miss Hansen's knowledge of current regulations and directives has proven of inestimable consequence, resulting in saving of time and smoother, more efficient functioning. Her work reflects credit of herself and the civilian personnel of this command."

GI SHAVINGS
BY
Pvt. Joe Q. McGuire

LOCAL SCREEN SNAP SHOTS:
"Going My Way?"—Memorandum 20.
"Hangover Square"—Barracks 10-A.
"I Love a Mystery"—Profile Board.
"Experiment Perilous"—McCaulley's pay line left handed salute.
In Cpl. Abe Baumgarten's piercing little note to the boys he described his set-up as being so good he would work at the war plant for nothing.

MR. ANTHONY—This McGuire epic should be hard to top, or for that matter tie: Pvt. Dominic Materdomini was another of those lucky lads labeled for a civilian job. Only he was luckier than most. He was being sent to within two blocks of his Brooklyn, New York home. To the amazement of all, Materdomini complained—because he wasn't given a week's delay en route to "get himself adjusted"!!!

MORE POETRY: There is one definite opinion formed by those weekly inspections no matter who the inspecting officer may be:

Our walls are graced by sundry pix
Of shapely jills and lassies
Who show de luxe accessories
Upon the female chassis.

Night maneuvers recently found many drivers tinkering with misses in their motors! Tsk, tsk!

Because they rate so high on the weekly gig list, we believe that T-Sgt. Milette and S-Sgt. Guy deserve a poem. To wit:
You make your bed;
There's not a wrinkle.
You shine your shoes
Until they twinkle.
You sweep the floor,
You even mop,
You scrub the window
Ledge on top.
You blitz your buckle
'Til you see your reflection,
Then what happens?
—No inspection!

OH THAT LUCKY VENDRILLO!
Pretty Margie Dunn of the McGuirettes and one of the better reasons why the gals look good even in defeat, was badly in need of a clean uniform. None could be found and since game time was nearing fast something had to be done. So Pvt. Pat Vendrillo came to the rescue. Not taking any chances, the ex-pugilist Vendrillo made that super-doo milk bottle test on several soaps before proceeding to daintily launder Marge's play suit. Anything for a victory—that's Pat, red hands and all.

SCHOOL DAYS: How did you like those fancy posters that announced the Valentine's Day party at the gym? They were the handiwork of the WAC's smiling Lee Duling and must have been inspired by her former job, that of being a school marm back in Pa.

GIs Giving Big Thoughts To Small Biz

Planning for the day when neither first sergeants nor civilian bosses will get in their hair, GIs are writing scores of letters every day to the Small Business Division of the Department of Commerce.

The standard opening line, "I intend to start a small business after the war," is followed by a request for information about starting an enterprise.

No one, including the Department of Commerce, has a sure-fire formula for success, but one authority offers this advice to the estimated 3,000,000 soldiers who may try the business field during the post-war period:

1. Have a knowledge of the line you're going into.
2. Have sufficient financing to start the venture.
3. Realize the competitive and other hazards in your field.
4. Have the wits to overcome difficulties.

These are not airy generalities but the result of a study of the causes of past business failures, which include "poor location," "over-buying," "competition," and "lack of funds."

In tracing case histories it was found that often the man who failed in business had started with funds that came from some kind of a "windfall." There were fewer cases of failure among men who had conscientiously saved to start a venture. Both government and business authorities urge systematic deposits in some form of Army savings now for the soldier who is serious about going into business later.

USO Hit, 'Smooth Sailing,' Due Here

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while working in a defense plant and started singing together to entertain servicemen.

A musical comedy veteran with a long record in radio and motion pictures as well, Sammy Wolfe will present comedy and song.

Wayne Sanders, who provides the piano background and accompaniment for the show, got his start playing weekend engagements while going to school.

Nineteen-year-old Marjorie Jane Olman, tap dancer, does two rhythm numbers, a slow rhumba dance, featuring ballet turns and tap turns. A native New Yorker, Marjorie wears the short dancing costumes servicemen remember from their pre-soldiering days.

Turn off unnecessary lights, radios and other electric equipment when not in use.

The Biggest and Smallest



"THAT'S THE IRONY OF IT" says Tec 4 Carl Gangi, right, of the 1st Infantry Combat Band, as he compares the weight of his massive bass horn with the tiny piccolo played by Tec 5 Stanley M. Weiner.

There's reason behind Gangi's words. For he's the smallest member of the band which stopped off at McGuire Tuesday while on national tour, and he plays the largest instrument. Weiner, the largest soldier plays the smallest instrument.

Gangi spent 30 doughfoot months in the South Pacific while Weiner put in his infantry time in the Aleutians for 10 months. The band is made up of infantry soldier-musicians from every U. S. war theater.

\$900 a Year College Cost

It cost about \$900 a school year (8 months) to attend the average U.S. College, according to the School and College Advisory center, an organization supported by dues from accredited colleges.

Nearly \$400 goes for tuition, books and fees. Soldiers eligible to attend college under the GI Bill of Rights will have no worries on this score because the Bill provides for payment of tuition up to \$500 for the ordinary school year. This includes textbooks and other supplies.

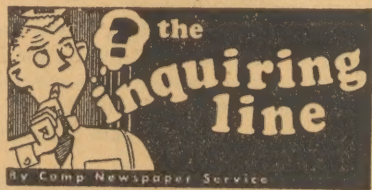
The GI Bill will also take care of the greater part of the \$500 needed for room and board. A soldier without dependents gets \$50 a month for subsistence, or \$400 for the school year.

This leaves about \$100 that will have to be made up by the student.

In other years high school graduates planning to start college often worked a year to save enough to pay part of their expenses. Today Army men can set aside money for school expenses by systematic savings through Soldiers Deposits, War Bonds or Class E Allotments.

The \$900 average cost for a school year is a rock-bottom figure and does not include what will be spent for items such as clothing, dates, cigarets and trips.

RUNNEMEDE, N. J. (CNS)—Suing for the return of his engagement ring, William Wittmer testified that he and his fiancée had a falling out over beds. "I wanted one," he said. "She wanted 2—one for us and one for her mother."



Q. I intend to go back to college after the war under the GI Bill of Rights. Before I was called up for military service I helped to pay my living expenses by waiting on tables. If I get a job waiting on tables again will I forfeit the \$50 a month the government pays for subsistence?

A. No. You will receive the \$50 a month so long as waiting on tables is only a part-time job.

Q. Can a soldier overseas write to relatives in the States in any language?

A. There is no War Department regulation prohibiting soldiers overseas from writing to relatives in the States in any language. However, security is involved, and in matters of security the theater commander can impose such restrictions as he feels are warranted by circumstances. Maybe there is a shortage of Portuguese or Arabian interpreters in your theater.

75 Mile Limit On Class A Passes

Enlisted men's passes are valid hereafter only within a radius of 75 miles as ordered by a directive from Third Service Command, it was learned this week from Captain Jess H. Mann, CO, Headquarters Detachment.

The limitation is necessitated by increased crowding of transportation facilities, the directive said.

A recent Service Command memorandum reports that MPs are picking up soldiers visiting Washington, D. C., on Class A passes. It defines legal use of the Class A pass as only authorizing travel between those communities frequently visited by enlisted men during their off duty hours.

Richmond Movies Give Free Tickets

In addition to free theater tickets available at the Red Cross and detachment office, McGuire soldiers may now get free ducats for all of Richmond's leading theaters at USO clubs at 2nd and Grace Streets and Leigh Street.

Totaling 2,235 tickets each week, each white and Negro movie house is offering 15 tickets each day, according to Sam Bendheim, Jr. of the Theater Manager Association.

Kansas City (CNS)—This ad ran in a recent edition of the Kansas City Star "WANTED: Cigar store attendant. Low wages but first crack at popular brand cigarettes."

Absenteeism Rockets to 24 Per Cent

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plete lack of understanding of the patients needs. They just keep on taking time off, often without asking. This irresponsibility could lead to inadequate care for men to whom we owe greatest debt in the world. In all cases, it has resulted in loyal employees who stayed on the job having to do more than their share of the work.

"Hereafter, any absence without leave by an employee will be penalized with suspension from work and pay in accordance with the seriousness of the offense. Qualified investigators will spot-check employees calling in for sick leave. If an employee is not found to be ill, he will be considered AWOL," Lt. Breed warned.

OFTEN UNJUSTIFIED

There is no question but that the huge amount of time lost through sick leave has in large part been unjustified and is an example of gross irresponsibility and carelessness, the personnel director declared. "The normal amount of total absence to be expected, according to records of other installations in the area, is nine per cent. Here we show nearly three times that figure.

"What right," she asked, "have any one of us to call in sick for little or no reason or deliberately stay off duty when here in the hospital are hundreds of boys seriously ill and wounded who need our help? It is criminal that here at home soldiers should be neglected or forgotten by their own fellow citizens, when they received wounds overseas, which fact in itself should make us expend every effort for their comfort."

Highest rate of absence, records show, exists among employees of Mess and Dietetics and ward attendants and technicians. Sunday is the biggest hey-day for habitual absentees.

A spot survey of typical excuses for unauthorized leave revealed stories like, "I had things to do," "My mother didn't feel well," "I had to take care of the baby."

TIME OFF FOR NEEDS

Personnel were fully informed at the time of their employment, according to Lt. Breed, of the hours of work expected of them. "Both ward personnel and mess employees, because they work a longer day, all have days off during the week when they have ample time to take care of personal needs.

"Employees must come to realize that as citizens, they are at war as much as soldiers," Lt. Breed stated. "Too often, enlisted personnel assigned to wards have been forced to work 14 to 18 hours a day and have lost well-deserved passes because an employee decided to stay home."

A new high in "family sicknesses" and an endless assortment of personal troubles caused 31 ward employees to stay out AWOL and on sick leave, Sunday, February 4, one day after more than 800 patients arrived here, it was learned from Lt. W. H. Flannagan, chief, Hospital Police and Personnel Branch.

"This office has never refused a request for annual leave," Lt. Flannagan revealed. "Ward employees, because they work a 12 hour day, have three days off every week. The only reason any of us can have for the rate of absence existing here is that we are not sufficiently concerned with the welfare of the patients. If we're to show that we don't believe that way, we must all come to understand that with every man-hour lost a patient must go without some care."

PROMOTIONS OFFERED

During January 102 man-days were lost by AWOL ward attendants—people who did not even call in sick, added to 18 days lost by AWOL technicians. Hospital Police and Personnel Section policy provides for ward employees being eligible for promotion if their records show no AWOL for 60 consecutive days and their work has been of a

Dog Gets Bone Wac Gets Rest



The pedigreed cocker spaniel recently presented to McGuire WAC detachment by Mrs. Jean D. Perkins of Richmond was the subject of a high competition for naming the new recruit. The CO's offer of a prize had no takers, but when she offered the winning Wac the privilege of missing two weeks of physical training every Wac in the barracks pitched in with a name. Tec 5 Elizabeth D. Craig of White Hall, Va., came through with the winner, "Sgt. Rusty." So, Sgt. Rusty gets a juicy bone and Tec 5 Craig gets two weeks rest from the grunt and groan classes.

nature to merit advancement.

Lt. Flannagan commended janitors and charwomen for a fine showing in recent attendance records.

As evidence that most absenteeism is just carelessness, Lt. Flannagan cited the fact that employees with relatives in the service have far better attendance records than others.

Although mess hall meals always have been served on time, absenteeism in the mess hall has caused a "few people to break their necks doing the work of many," Captain Irving Gellman, mess officer, asserted. The "load" of absenteeism has been carried by those present for work, and has prevented added efficiency and attention in serving patients. Many employees have been forced to work overtime in order to meet the vast work load left undone by absentees, he reported.

959 AWOL HOURS

Last Sunday, of 72 mess hall employees scheduled to work, 13 were AWOL, 14 sick, and one walked out at 10:30 a.m. Compared with 13,062 base hours paid for in two weeks in January, 959 hours were lost by AWOLs, 485 hours on leave without pay and 503 hours sick leave. Time lost necessitated 2,141 overtime hours during the period.

The obligation to McGuire patients on the part of all personnel was indicated by statements of employees whose attendance records were outstanding.

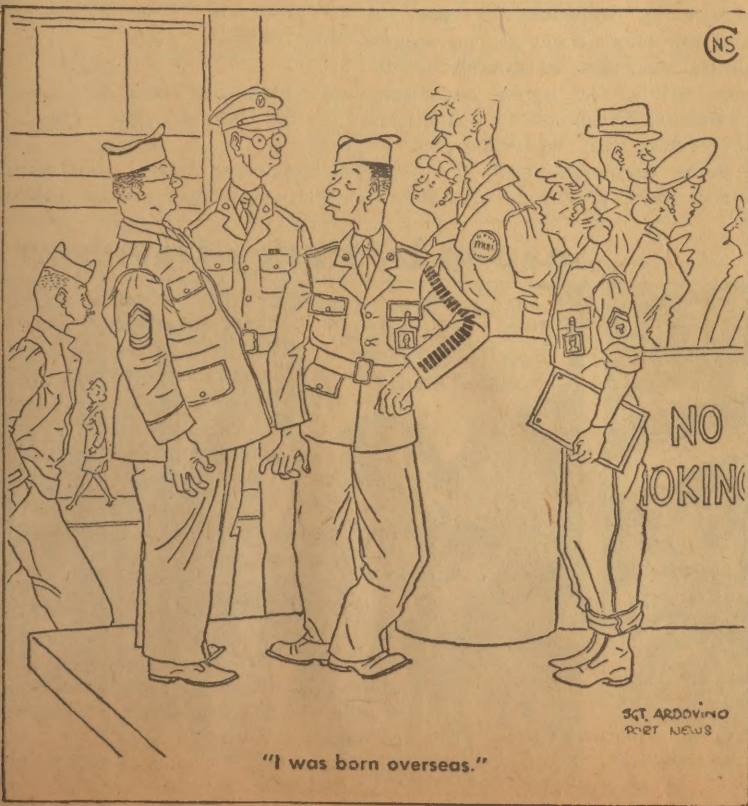
Lillian Austin, mess employee, an elderly woman who has not lost a day's work since last July, explained, "I've never been sick enough to stay out. I'm interested in the work here. With a boy of my own overseas, as long as there are patients at McGuire, I just feel compelled to come in. If this is my war work, I should be on the job."

Three days sick leave is the only time lost since last April by Madeline Williams of the mess hall. "Often two people in a section make up their minds the same day that they're sick. If four of them work together that just leaves two to do everyone's work. I don't like to see those orthopedic cases standing in line waiting for meals because there aren't enough people around to serve quicker. Those patients have it tough enough."

William Lawrence, chief cook, says he won't miss a day, "because if I'm out patients will go lacking."

He Couldn't Wait

FT. MEADE, MD. (CNS)—A GI who recently arrived at the Separation Center here, went AWOL while awaiting his discharge from the Army.



FUNFEST EVERY FRIDAY



—Photos by Milgrim.

Pvt. Morris Selkow, top, was very cocky about his knowledge of golf until he learned the soft-voiced civilian introduced to him was famous golf pro Bobby Cruikshank. As loser, Selkow was blindfolded and told Cruikshank was to tee a ball off his nose. Though Selkow showed sporting courage, Cruikshank kept a good distance away.

Pvt. Dorsey C. Mangus, lower picture, is behind the catcher's mask on the receiving end of a cream puff barrage fired by rifleman Pfc. William Geminder.

McGuire Tops Army Camps In Radio Broadcast Volume

With McGuire taking on shades of Radio City, a new series of weekly radio broadcasts were announced this week bringing the monthly number of shows to eighteen, believed to be the greatest number of broadcasts offered by any army post in the country. The new series in the offing will bring to listeners in Richmond and surrounding areas, the story of McGuire's reconditioning program.

"Monkeyshines at McGuire", a new weekly program aired directly from the patients' recreation hall in the Red Cross building, is broadcast over station WRNL each Friday from 7:30 to 8:00 p.m. This hilarious show, launched last week, features groups of McGuire patients in laugh provoking gags, the results of incorrect answers in a quiz. (See pictures, above.) "Monkeyshines" will be held again this Friday, with a pre-broadcast warm-up starting at 7 p. m.

The schedule also includes Open House at McGuire each Saturday from 4 to 4:30 p. m. over station WRVA. This program now in its tenth week, is written and produced by Lt. Howard B. Leeds, Public Relations Officer, and features the stories and experience of McGuire patients returned from overseas.

This week's program tells the story of the prominent part played by food—just plain chow—in the lives of three overseas fighting men. McGuire patient Pfc. David M. Schwartz, 29-year-old combat engineer of New York City, tells of steak on the hoof that he and

some of the boys purchased in France. Pfc. Ralph Contrevo, 21-year-old patient from Philadelphia, overseas 11½ months with the Fifth Armored Division, tells of his effective method of getting enough eggs while in France. S-Sgt. Howard T. Pullen, 26-year-old paratrooper from Plainfield, N. J., tells of the food he didn't get while a prisoner of the Germans for 62 days and how, after escaping from the Nazis, his life was saved by the French underground and the French family that shared their slim food rations with him.

Private Eddie Weaver in a fifteen minute organ and interview program is broadcast each Thursday at 3:15 p. m. from the studio of station WRVA. Pvt. Weaver, formerly of Richmond and long a popular organist in one of its movie theatres, plays organ selections requested by McGuire patient and interviews a Virginia patient during the program. Inaugurated last week also, this radio spot promises a fast rise in popularity. Pvt. Joseph L. Orlando of Richmond, rifleman with the Armored

Post Theater

Week of Thursday, February 15. Shows start at 6:15 and 8:15 p.m. Patients admitted to first show only.

Thursday—"Roughly Speaking," with Rosalind Russell, Jack Carson.

Saturday—"Here Comes The Coeds," with Abbott and Costello, Phil Spitalny.

Sunday—"Tonight and Every Night," with Rita Hayworth, Lee Bowman, Janet Blair.

Tuesday—Double Feature. "She Gets Her Man," with Joan Davis and William Gargan, Also "Nevada," with Robert Mitchum, Ann Jeffreys.

Wednesday—"Between Two Women," with Lionel Barrymore, Van Johnson, Gloria De Haven.

Civilians Aid in Rolling Bandages

While McGuire officers' wives are doing a "splendid job" in the making of surgical dressings, according to Lt. Col. Katherine V. Jolliffe, chief nurse, the quantity is still short of the hospital needs.

Miss Adeline McCaulley, secretary to post adjutant CWO Lawrence E. Roffman, heard of the great need for more surgical dressings here at McGuire and decided to do something about it.

"I felt sure many of the women civilian employees of the hospital as well as wives of duty personnel and patients would gladly give an hour or so a week of their time for this vitally important work," Miss McCaulley said. "The response of the few persons I was able to contact was more than encouraging," Miss McCaulley continued, "and we have arranged to meet on the second floor of nurses quarters No. 3 each Thursday night from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. It is not necessary that all persons stay the full two hours as many women cannot give that much time. However, even a half hour's work would help relieve the critical shortage of surgical dressings."

Civilian women employees, patients' wives or wives of duty personnel who wish to contribute their time and work for this important project are invited to get in touch with Miss McCaulley on extension 203, or to come on Thursday at 4:30 p.m. directly to the special room assigned for this work in nurses quarters No. 3.

"While the sailor is looking for a park bench, the Seabee will build one."—A Seabee's explanation of the difference between his outfit and the Navy.

Infantry overseas, was the patient interviewed by Weaver today.

"Okey America", originating twice monthly over station WRVA is staged in one of the wards or on the stage of Red Cross Hall at 9:30 p.m. every other Tuesday evening.

Generals Down Bellwood 39-36, Face R-M Tonight

McGuire Generals made it two wins out of three for the season against Bellwood Engineers Tuesday night, handing the Petersburg Pikers a 39-26 defeat.

Lanky Charlie Wolf shined with a one-man offensive of 18 points amidst the entire team's superb teamwork on the floor.

Randolph Macon College, previously brought to their knees by the McGuire Generals, 42-29, travel to the McGuire gym tonight for a return bout in a basket ball doubleheader. On the same bill, the McGuirettes play hostess to Camp Lee's Wac six. In the girls' last encounter against the Lee sextette, they lost 18-10.

In a twin bill last Saturday in the home gym, the Generals dropped to Richmond Naval Training's powerful squad, 64-23, while the she-hoopsters nosed out a C&O Railroad ladies' team 16-15.

Sparkling team plays, evidenced by the scoring of eight men in a squad of eleven, accounts for last Thursday's victory by the Generals over Medical College, 46-43. The same evening McGuire's gals bowed to the C&O ball handlers 27-19.

WEDDING CAMPAIGN

Looking to a second win tonight over the Ashland school, Manager Al Bianco pointed up the untouted but well-seasoned floor playing of Bill Cronin and Bill Scanlon, both of whom have plugged along silently but effectively all season. Bianco also announced a plan to get all members of his team married off. He cited the success of the formula in Charlie Wolf, just returned from a honeymoon furlough, who has rolled up an average of 12 points per game since returning, as well as outstanding floor and team play.

Victory is also foreseen by the usually-reserved mentor for the McGuirettes. Helen Conway, ball-of-fire forward, and pet Joan Rothgeb, big-fight-for-little-girl guard, are expected to guarantee the win.

Discharges for No Assignment Halted

The discharging of men who do not meet M. R. 1-9 and for whom no appropriate assignments exist has been halted by a telegram from Third Service Command headquarters in Baltimore, it was learned at Military Personnel Office this week.

The telegram announced that the Adjutant General in Washington has ordered the rescission of Section 2, War Department Circular 370, which liberalized the old provisions for the discharging of men "for the convenience of the government."

Under Section 2, "Enlisted personnel in the United States who do not meet the minimum physical induction standards for limited service as prescribed by MR 1-9 and for whom there are no appropriate positions reasonably available within the major commands or defense commands in which they are serving may be discharged."

Some discharges still are being made under provisions of AR 615-

Call for Boxers

A call for all soldiers wishing to join a post boxing team was issued this week by Cpl. Al Bianco, gym manager.

Plans are under way to stage shows at McGuire's gym featuring boxing competition between other installations. It is believed, however, that enough would-be pugilists are in hiding around McGuire to form a quorum for a team of our own.

Men interested should give a holler to Bianco at the gym.

Post Hoop Tourney to Open Tuesday

Intra-post basketball moves into the spotlight again when McGuire GI fives open a tournament in the gym February 20, it was announced by Cpl. Al Bianco, gymnasium manager.

The tournament is open to any and all squads of basketballers made up of post military personnel, with emphasis on teams representing hospital departments.

Games will be held Tuesday, Feb. 20, Wednesday, Feb. 21, Friday, Feb. 23, Monday, Feb. 26, Wednesday, Feb. 28, and Thursday, March 1.

Rules announced by Bianco set a limit of three members of the McGuire Generals playing with a team at any one time, although any number of Generals may be on a squad's bench. Official referees, time keepers and scorekeepers will be chosen.

Team managers and captains were instructed by Bianco to submit their team names and playing rosters to the gym sufficiently in advance to arrange schedules.

Asphalt Tiling Replaces Concrete Floors

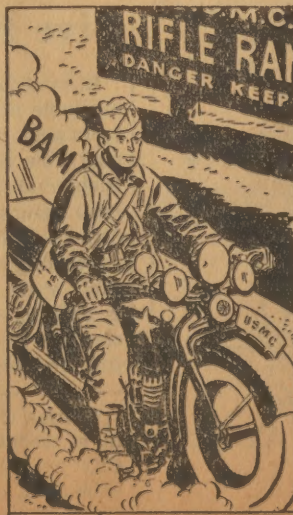
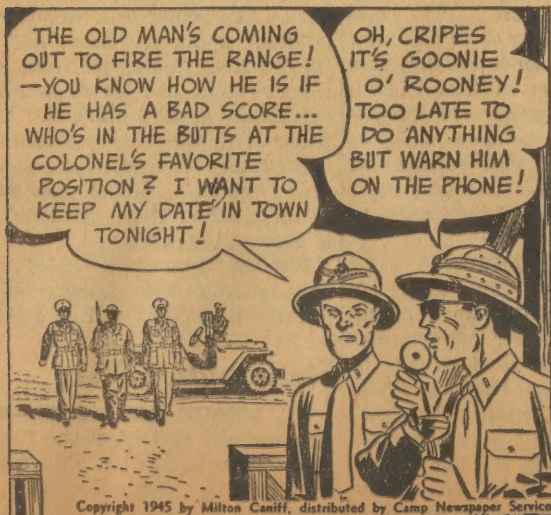
Asphalt tiling, similar to that used in the arcade, will make up the flooring of the Red Cross auditorium after workers complete the job of reflooring today. No recreation program was scheduled in the hall today, in order to give way to the remodeling.

Asphalt tiling will soon replace flooring in the Post Office, bank lobby, and all walks with concrete floors, according to the Post Engineer's office. It is expected that all floors will be completed within three weeks.

365 which superceded Section 10 of the old AR 615-360. These are cases in which it can be clearly demonstrated that the national health and safety will be benefited.

Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



snap-in by Harley-Davidson